GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:18
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
SMUGGLING OF WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are aware that latest weapons are being smuggled into India by Pakistan through Nepal;

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the border along Nepal are fit points for the smugglers to use for the anti-national activities;

(d) if so, whether the Government have any proposal to strengthen borders near Nepal and alert surveillance along border to check smuggling of arms; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY IN LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No.18 DUE FOR ANSWER ON FEBRUARY, 2001.

(a)to(e): Government are aware that efforts are made by Pakistan`s Inter Services Intelligence agents to smuggle weapons into India through Nepal.

The porous nature of long India-Nepal border (1751 Kms) is used by ISI agents and ISI backed Kashmiri and Sikh terrorist groups, as well as by criminals, for anti-national activities. Government have adopted a well considered and multi-pronged approach for Border Management which includes creation of police posts, gearing up of intelligence machinery, well considered intelligence based action against ISI agents, modernisation and upgradation of police and security forces with sophisticated weapons, communication system and vehicles etc.